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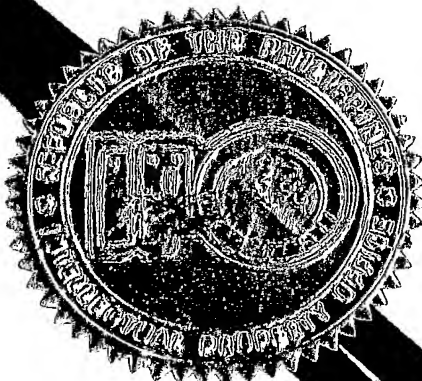
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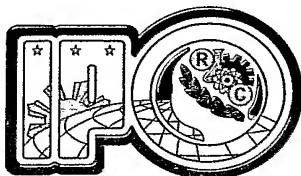
  
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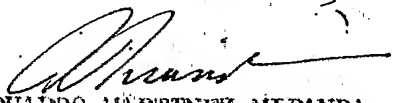
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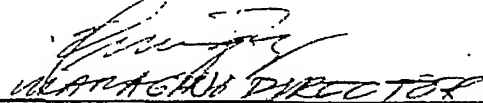
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## System and Method for Facilitating Airtime Value Exchange

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### Abstract

The invention enhances the functionality of the mobile phone by enabling the user to trade airtime value through an SMS message.

### Description of Prior Art

Mobile phone subscribers fall under two general billing arrangements -- prepaid and postpaid. Prepaid subscribers buy airtime prior to using a service while postpaid subscribers use the service first and pay afterwards. Airtime value is equivalent to the monetary value loaded and consumed by prepaid and postpaid subscribers.

During the early years of the cellular phone, mobile phone users were all postpaid subscribers. After a few years, prepaid subscription started and began to thrive. As more and more prepaid subscribers got into the system, various means for replenishing or loading airtime appeared. For example, one of the most common means to load airtime value is the prepaid scratch card available in various denominations.

Prepaid subscribers can also load using the Internet, WAP or SMS channels provided by banks and other institutions that are directly linked to the mobile phone carriers. Recently, some carriers have provided subscribers with the facility to buy and transfer airtime for another mobile subscriber, the prerequisite being the sending party's mobile phone is linked to a bank account. After buying and sending airtime load to the recipient, this bank account is debited accordingly.

For prepaid subscribers, these mechanisms have facilitated the airtime replenishment process. However, it is not always as convenient as one might want particularly for the sending party. The reason is that reloading always requires a process of actual conversion of monetary to airtime value. For example, if one reloads from a scratch card, he must first buy a card, place a call to the carriers reloading system and enter card number and password. Another example is a sender reloading another person's phone by using a facility that will debit his bank account and transfer the load to the recipient's phone automatically. In both scenarios, there is a physical conversion from financial to airtime value.

The invention seeks to eliminate this conversion process. The most salient benefit is easier and more ubiquitous reloading process for prepaid subscribers. Although not immediately apparent, a second benefit is the facility it provides subscribers to use airtime value as a means of trade and commerce.

There are three commercial models, person-to person (P2P), business-to-person (B2P or B2C) and business-to-business (B2B). In P2P, airtime value is exchanged between the subscribers' line accounts. For example, subscriber A with an airtime value of ten dollars

transfers a dollar worth of airtime to subscriber B. After the transfer, subscriber A's airtime value will be reduced to nine dollars while subscriber B's airtime value will be increased by one dollar. P2P provides ubiquity to the reloading process since any subscriber, be it prepaid or postpaid, can be a source or recipient of airtime value.

B2P enables dealers or agents to sell airtime to individual consumers. Key to enabling B2P transactions is the phone's link to one or more accounts that can hold airtime value and yet remain unaffected by normal phone usage. For the purposes of this document, this account is called commerce account. B2P provides ubiquity to the reloading process since anyone with a commerce account can be a dealer or agent.

B2B enables dealers or agents to sell to other agents and dealers. Like B2P, the key to enabling B2B transactions is the phone's link to one or more accounts that can hold airtime value and yet remain unaffected by normal phone usage. B2B provides ubiquity to the reloading process since anyone with a commerce account can be a distributor of airtime to any dealer or agent.

### Description of Drawings

Figure 1 describes the P2P process. Subscriber A sends airtime value to subscriber B. The line account of subscriber A is debited while line account of B is credited with the same amount. The transaction is internally effected within the carrier's billing system. Both subscribers are notified of the status of the transaction and amount of new balances.

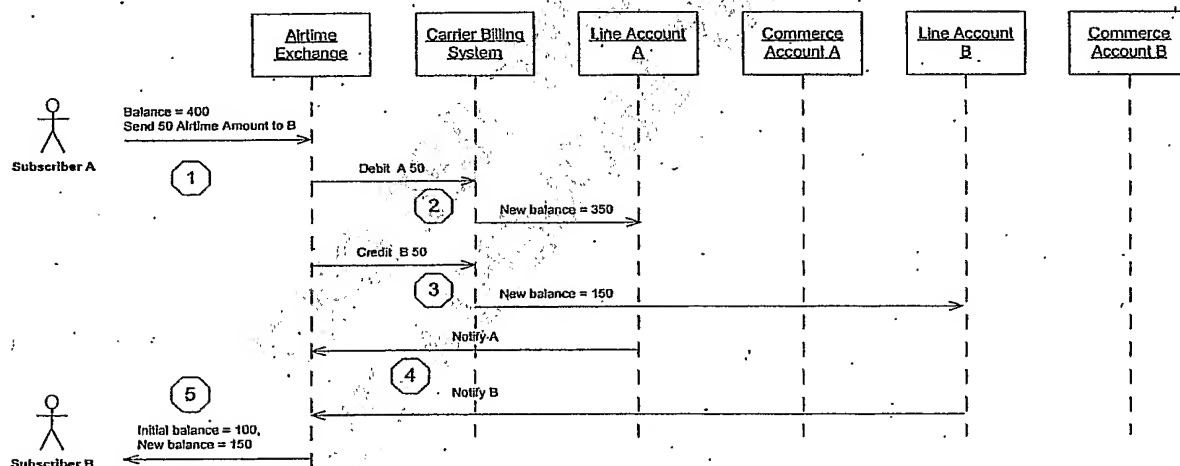


Figure 1 - P2P

Figure 2 describes the B2P process. Subscriber A is a dealer with a Commerce Account A. Subscriber A sells airtime value to Subscriber B. Subscriber A's Commerce Account is debited while Subscriber B's line account is credited within the carrier's billing system. Both subscribers are notified of the status of the transaction and amount of new balances.

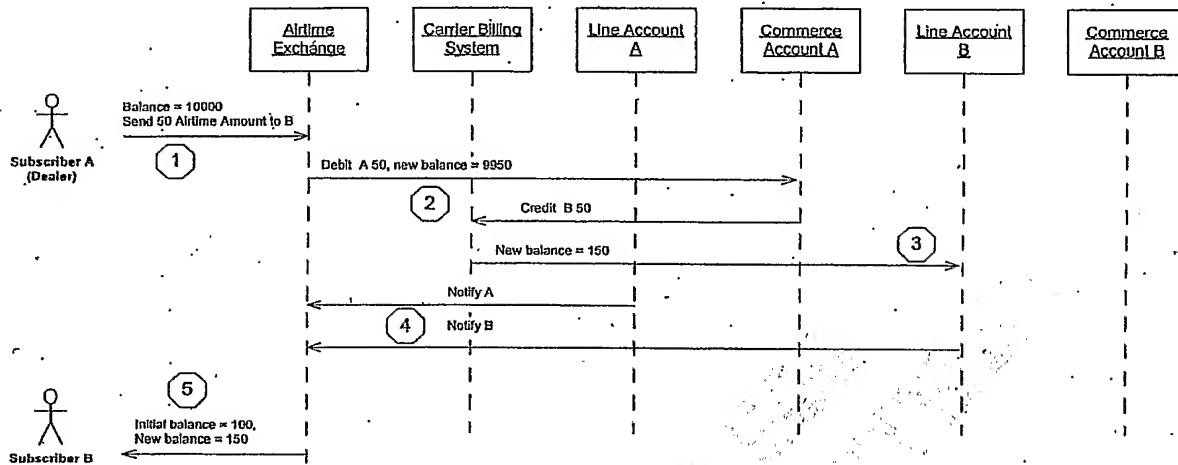


Figure 2 - B2P

Figure 3 describes the B2B process. Subscriber A is a dealer with a Commerce Account A. Subscriber B is also a dealer with Commerce Account B. A sells airtime value to Subscriber B. Subscriber A's Commerce Account is debited and Subscriber B's Commerce Account is credited the same amount. Both subscribers are notified of the status of the transaction and amount of new balances.

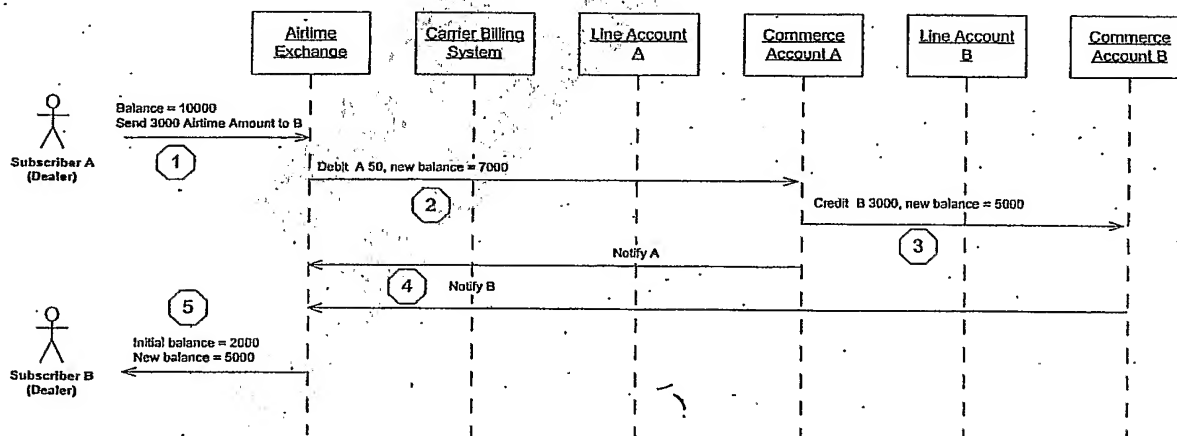


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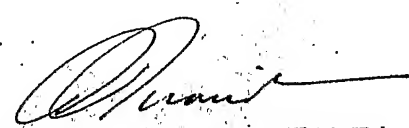
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**Claims:**

1. A facility to exchange airtime values.
2. A facility that utilizes an account, called commerce account, linked to a mobile phone for storing airtime value, that is not attached to the phone's line account.
3. A security PIN for verifying sender identity.
4. A system that enables trading of airtime for commercial means between individuals, businesses and individuals and businesses to businesses.
5. An implementation of P2P, B2P or B2C and B2B transaction models for airtime exchange.

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